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AVENGERS ASSEMBLE

PART 9

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AVENGERS FOREVER



And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when the mightiest Avengers of many Earths found themselves united against a common threat--to fight the foes no single universe could withstand!

AVENGERS FOREVER

The **Multiversal Masters of Evil**, a group of the deadliest villains of their respective worlds, conquered countless universes, aided by the demon **Mephisto**. **Avenger Prime**, a repentant **Loki** from an alternate world, assembled an army of Avengers from across the Multiverse at the God Quarry to oppose the villains.

Doom Supreme of the Masters also launched an attack with an army of his own variants in a bid to usurp power. As many heroes fell in battle, Avenger Prime gathered additional help in the form of the **Avengers of Earth-616** and the surviving **Prehistoric Avengers**, among even more unusual allies. Meanwhile, Mephisto absorbed all of his variants, granting himself immense power and growing to colossal size. Now the remaining Multiversal Avengers have rallied for their final stand...

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE, Part Nine "The Rise of the Omni-Avengers"

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AVENGERS



THOR



VALKYRIE



NAMOR



STARBRAND



PHOENIX

MULTIVERSAL AVENGERS



GALACTUS



DEATHLOK



STEVE ROGERS



ELLISIV



MOON KNIGHT



THOR, GOD OF FISTS



OLD MAN PHOENIX



URSA MAJOR



GORILLA-MAN



ANT-MAN



ALL-RIDER



AVENGER PRIME

MULTIVERSAL MASTERS OF EVIL



DOOM SUPREME



DARK PHOENIX



MEPHISTO



IT IS A SIGHT THAT HAS
STRUCK FEAR INTO
MILLIONS THROUGHOUT
THE COSMOS.

THE SIGHT OF
GALACTUS
FEEDING.

BUT HERE NOW, AT
INFINITY'S END, IN THE
MIDST OF THE WAR FOR
THE ALL AND THE ALWAYS.

THERE ARE NOT THE
USUAL CRIES OF TERROR
THAT TEND TO GREET THE
DEVOURER OF WORLDS.

INSTEAD, THERE ARE
CHEERS FROM THE
THRONGS OF AVENGERS
WARRING BELOW.

CHEERS ALMOST
AS LOUD AS THE
DYING WALLS OF A
LIVING PLANET.

THE PLANET'S
SCREAMS ARE
DRIVING THE DOOMS
INTO A BLOODY
FRENZY.



THEN LET
US MAKE IT SO
THEY CANNOT EVEN
HEAR *THEMSELVES*
SCREAMING...

...ABOVE
THE ROAR OF
THE *STORM* OF
STORMS.

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

THE WORDS ARE A
CRY TO THE WINDS
OF EVERY REALITY.

THE WHIRLWIND WRATH OF
THE HEAVENS AS CALLED
FORTH BY GENERATIONS
OF THUNDERERS.

THE WORDS ARE THE
HURRICANE PRAYER
OF THE GODS.



AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

THE WORDS ARE
WAR CRIES.

FOR THE
CORPS.

FOR THE
STEVES

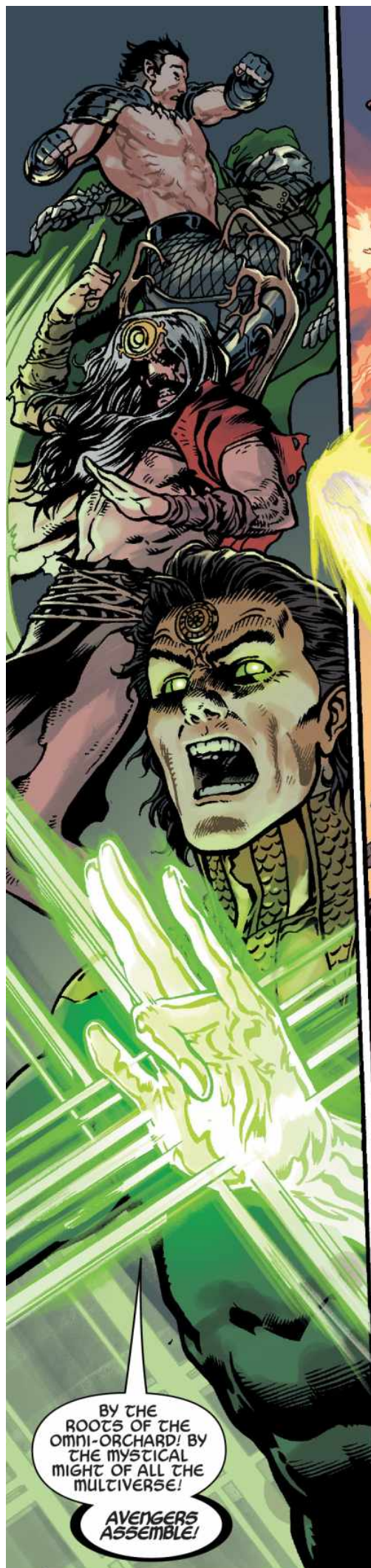
AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

FOR THE SAVAGE
LORD OF THE
POWER COSMIC.

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

THE WORDS
ARE A HOWL
OF DEFIANCE
IN THE FACE
OF RUIN.

IN THE FACE



BY THE
ROOTS OF THE
OMNI-ORCHARD! BY
THE MYSTICAL
MIGHT OF ALL THE
MULTIVERSE!

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

THE WORDS ARE A CONJURING,



AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

THE WORDS ARE
A DECLARATION,
DEFYING TIME AND
SPACE. DEFYING
THE BOUNDS OF
REALITY ITSELF.



AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

THE WORDS
ARE POWER.

THE WORDS
ARE HOPE.

THE WORDS ARE A
SNEERING CURSE
ON THE LIPS OF THE
WAR-MADDENED LORD
OF THE DAMNED.

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE?!

HA!



ASSEMBLE ALL
THE MIGHTY HEROES
THE MULTIVERSE CAN
MUSTER, BUT YOU'RE
TOO LATE!

DO YOU *FEEL*
THAT, LITTLE WRETCHES?
THAT ANCIENT POWER
WAITING TO EXPLODE FROM
BENEATH THE GOD
QUARRY?

ONCE IT'S
BEEN UNLEASHED,
YOU'LL AT LAST SEE
THE GREAT RED
TRUTH OF--

MEPHISTO!



THE WORDS ARE A WHISPER
WITHIN THE HALLS OF
AVENGERS MOUNTAIN.

MY
WHISPER.

FEEL
THIS.





THE WHISPER OF THE LAST
DEATHLOK LEFT STANDING
AT INFINITY'S END.

THE DEATHLOK
WHO HAS BECOME
A CELESTIAL.

WITH A GUN THE SIZE
OF THE GRAVE PILED FULL
OF MY FALLEN BROTHERS.

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

GAAGH!!!





YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'VE DONE, WHAT I'LL DO TO SEE THIS THROUGH.

I WILL STRANGLE MYSELF AGAIN AND AGAIN AND ABSORB THE CORPSES. I WILL...

...I WILL EAT MY OWN GUTS, IN THE NAME OF VICTORY.

MEPHISTO... ASSEMBLE.

THE WORDS ARE ONE LAST CRY FOR REDEMPTION FROM THOSE WHO'D LOST THEIR WAY.

THIS IS THE WEIRDEST THING YOU'VE EVER TALKED ME INTO, HALE!

SAID THE MUTANT RUSSIAN GRIZZLY TO THE TALKING GORILLA!



THE WORDS ARE
JUST THAT. WORDS.
EMPTY SOUNDS.

A RITUAL WE CLING
TO IN OUR HOUR OF
INEVITABLE RUIN.

YOUR
ARMY IS FALLING.
YOUR PLANET IS
HALF DIGESTED. THE
RAMPAGE OF THE
DOOMS IS
FINISHED.



AS ARE
YOU, DOOM
SUPREME.

NAMOR IS NOT FINISHED! NOT WHILE
THE VARLET STILL POSSESSES **TEETH!**
AND BONES THAT HAVEN'T YET
BEEN SPLINTERED!

FOR ONCE...
MEPHISTO SPEAKS
THE TRUTH.



YOUR GREAT
ASSEMBLING IS
TOO LITTLE,
TOO LATE!



THE GOD
QUARRY IS ALREADY
CRUMBLING!

THE OCEAN
OF POWER THAT
LAYS BENEATH SHALL
BE UNLEASHED!

LOOK
NOW AT
HOW ITS DARK



...DRAWS
HUNGRY MOTHS
TO THE FLAME.

YOU!
DOOM! YOU DARED
ABANDON THE DARK
PHOENIX!

HARDLY. I
EAGERLY AWAITED
YOUR ARRIVAL, MY
LADY MYSTIQUE.

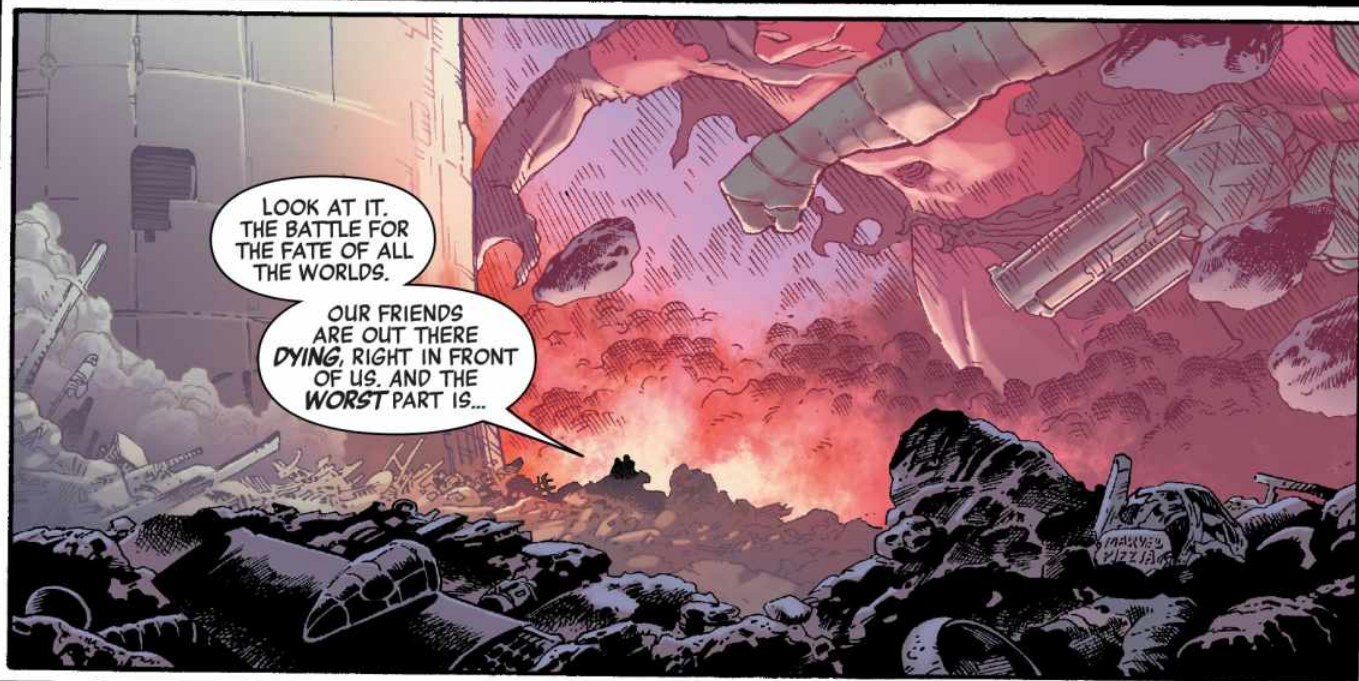


YOU LIE WITH
THE SKILLED TONGUE
OF A MYSTIC. PERHAPS
I SHALL WREST IT FROM
YOUR HEAD WITH MY
OWN SEARING LIPS.



PERHAPS
YOU SHOULD
TRY.









YEAH. AFTER EVERYTHING WE'VE BEEN THROUGH...CAN'T HELP BUT THINK WE ENDED UP HERE FOR A REASON.



THEY WON'T WIN THIS *WITHOUT* US, WILL THEY?



WHAT DOES YOUR GUT TELL YOU?

THAT THE STARBRAND AND THE GHOST RIDER WERE THERE AT THE BEGINNING.



AND THAT WE'LL NEED THEM HERE AT THE *END*.



I THINK OUR GUTS AGREE.

SO...DOES YOUR GUT HAVE A *PLAN*? FOR EXACTLY WHAT THE HELL WE SHOULD DO NEXT?

I FEEL LIKE WE'LL



RANSACK THE TOWER! TAKE ANYTHING THAT CAN KILL AN AVENGER!



HMM.

I'D FORGOTTEN
HOW MUCH IT
TICKLES.

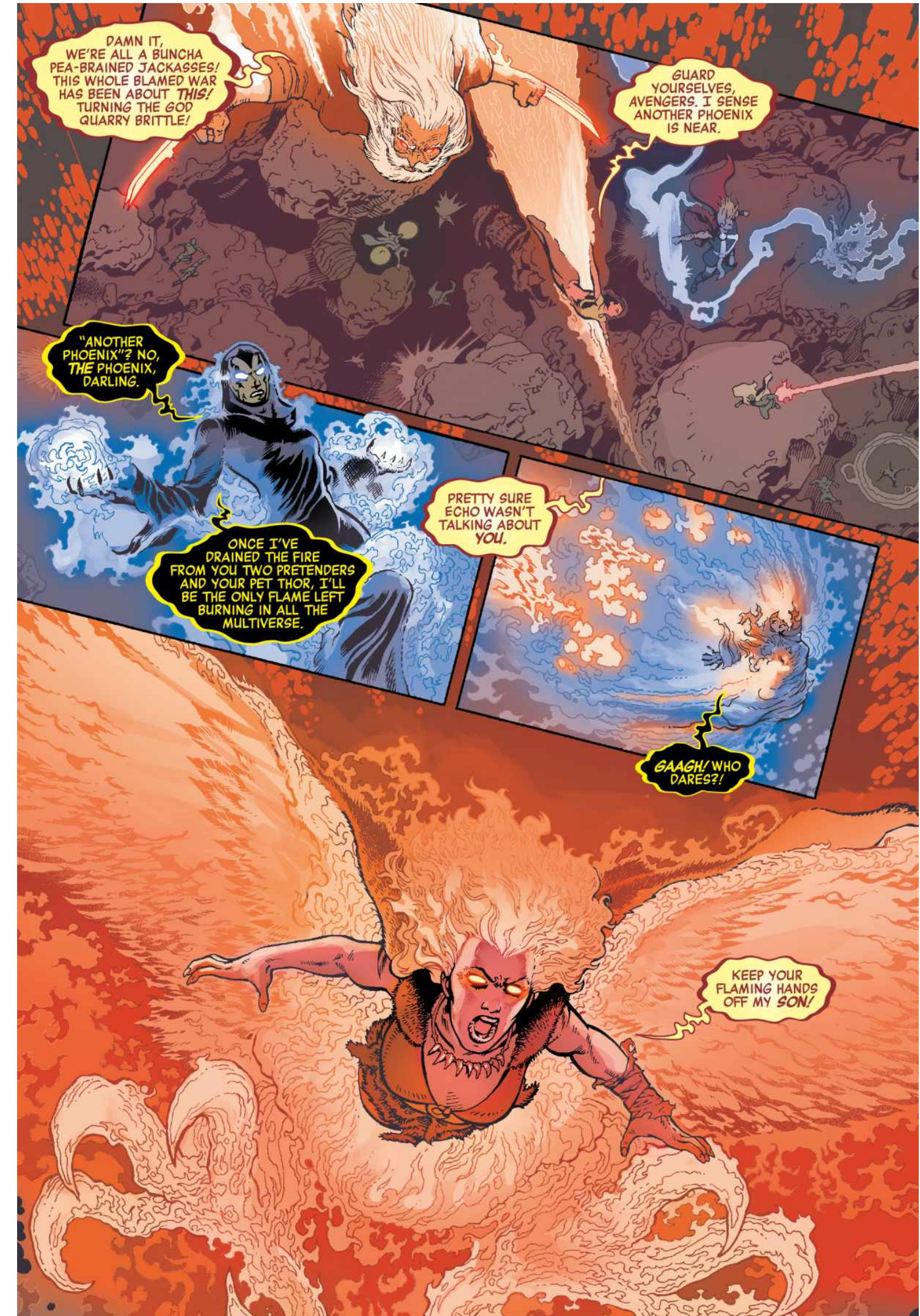


YOU WILL GROVEL BEFORE
THE DOOM ABOVE ALL!

TICKLES,
HUH?



MUST
BE NICE.



DAMN IT,
WE'RE ALL A BUNCHA
PEA-BRAINED JACKASSES!
THIS WHOLE BLAMED WAR
HAS BEEN ABOUT **THIS!**
TURNING THE GOD
QUARRY BRITTLE!

GUARD
YOURSELVES,
AVENGERS. I SENSE
ANOTHER PHOENIX
IS NEAR.

"ANOTHER
PHOENIX"? NO,
THE PHOENIX,
DARLING.

ONCE I'VE
DRAINED THE FIRE
FROM YOU TWO PRETENDERS
AND YOUR PET THOR, I'LL
BE THE ONLY FLAME LEFT
BURNING IN ALL THE
MULTIVERSE.

PRETTY SURE
ECHO WASN'T
TALKING ABOUT
YOU.

GAAGH/WHO
DARES?!

KEEP YOUR
FLAMING HANDS
OFF MY **SON!**



IS
IT...TRULY
YOU?

I FOLLOWED
THE SOUND OF
YOUR THUNDER
ACROSS ALL THE
HEAVENS.

BY THE
STARS, HOW
YOU'VE
GROWN.



YOU CAME
ALL THIS WAY,
THROUGH TIME
AND SPACE...
FOR ME?



THOR...

...I WOULD
CROSS ETERNITY
ITSELF TO BE BY
YOUR SIDE IN YOUR
HOUR OF NEED. TO
BURN ANYONE WHO
DARES LAY A
HAND ON
YOU.

IT IS...
THE ONLY WAY
A PHOENIX KNOWS
HOW TO SHOW
LOVE.



THEN
LET US SHOW
THIS DARK
PHOENIX...

...HOW
MUCH LOVE
WE HAVE IN
OUR HEARTS,
MOTHER.

YES,
MY SON.



AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

THE WORDS
ARE A BOND.

A LEGACY
THAT DEFIES
ALL LIMITS.

THE WORDS
ARE THE
FINAL SPARK.

YES, AT
LAST!



NOW THE
POWER BEGINS
TO LEAK FROM
DEEP BELOW.



BUT A
DROP IS ALL IT
WILL TAKE...



...TO
FINISH
THIS.



TO FINISH
EVERYTHING!



RRRRRRGGGGH!!!



I FEEL THE
TIDE OF BATTLE
CHANGE IN
AN INSTANT.

HA HA HA
HAA!

YES!
NOW YOU'LL
SEE!

AND I
REALIZE
TOO LATE...

NOW
COMES THE
TRUTH!

...THAT NO WORDS
WILL SAVE US.

ALL THIS TIME, AS
DEATHLOKS FIGHTING
TO PROTECT THE GOD
QUARRY, WE THOUGHT
OF IT AS SOME SORT OF
DEFENSE PERIMETER.

A WALL.

BUT IT'S NOT
A WALL.

WHAT IS
THAT? LEAKING
OUT OF THE
GROUND?

THE LIQUIFIED
LEAVINGS OF AN
ANCIENT MULTIVERSE.
WHATEVER YOU DO,
DON'T LET IT
TOUCH YOU.

AVENGERS!
BE READY TO
RUN!

IT'S TOO
LATE. THERE'LL
BE NOWHERE TO RUN

IT'S
A DAM.

HOLDING BACK THE
WATERS OF ENTROPY,
OF ALL-CONSUMING
NOTHINGNESS.

MEPHISTO'S GRAND PLAN
WAS NEVER TO REWRITE
EXISTENCE.

IT WAS
TO END IT.

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

THE WORDS ARE A LAST,
DESPERATE CRY OF THOSE
SOON TO BE NO MORE.

AND ONCE WE
ARE GONE...

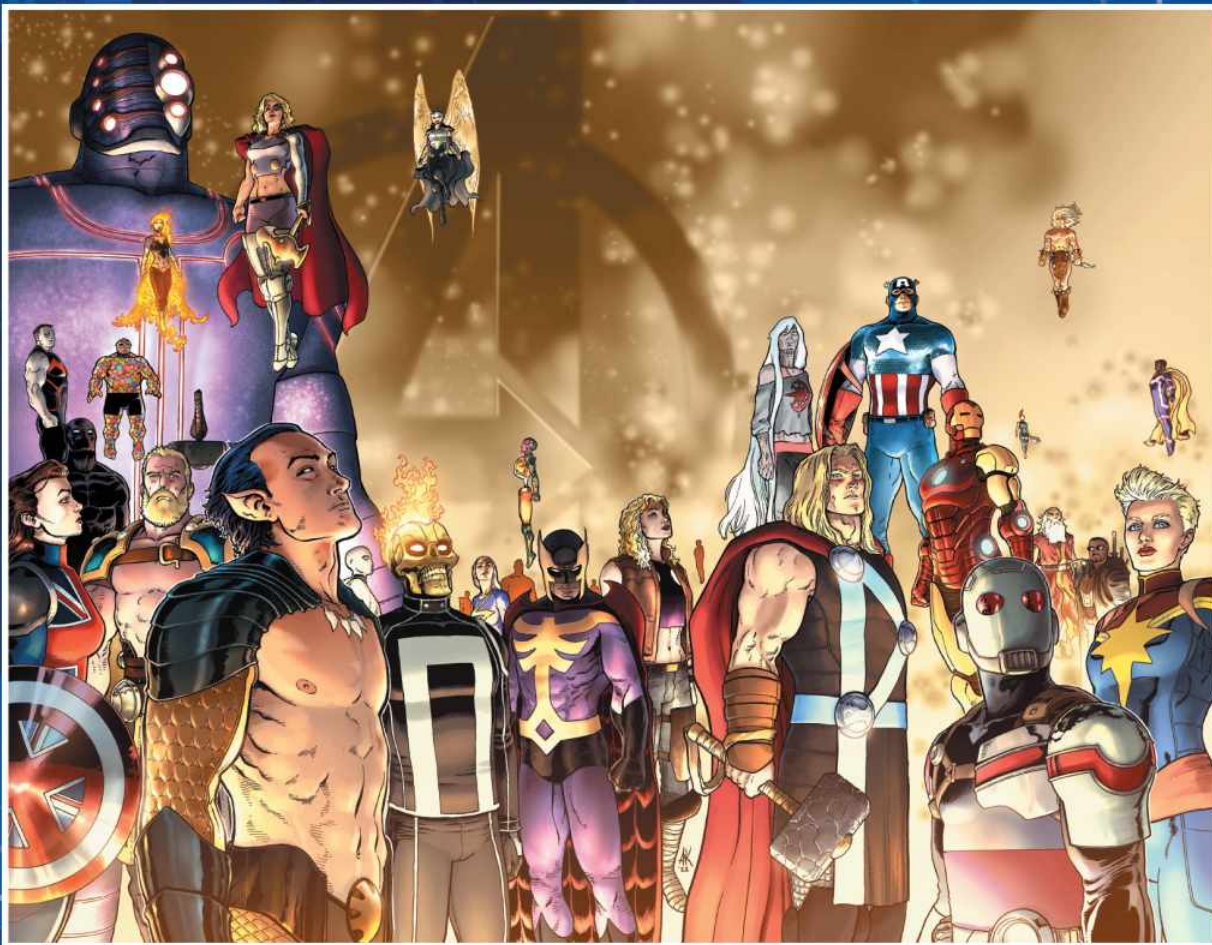
...ALL OF
EVERYTHING
WILL FOLLOW.

TO BE CONCLUDED IN

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AVENGERS ASSEMBLE: OMEGA #1



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